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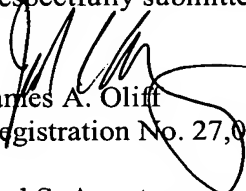
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- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language references 1-7 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-6 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publication has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-6.

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	6.	JP A 2001-260580 w/abstract & transl.	9/25/2001	JAPAN		

OTHER DOCUMENTS (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)		
	7.	<a href="http://pcweb.mycom.co.jp/news/2001/07/05/22.html">http://pcweb.mycom.co.jp/news/2001/07/05/22.html</a>

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